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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 6, 2008, Applicants elect Species 1, Figs. 5-9, 13 and 14, drawn to a reflection-mode bandpass filter approach are elected for prosecution. Claims 1-8, 11, 26, 27, 29-36, 39, 54-83, 85-99, 101-115, 117, and 118 encompass that species.

The Office Action has stated that Claims 1, 29, and 57 are generic. Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 2-6, 11, 26, 27, 29-34, 39, 54-63, 65-70, 79-83, 85-89, 98, 99, 101, 102, 114, 115, 117, and 118 are also generic and include the embodiments of both Species 1 and Species 2.

An extension of time to respond to the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Reply